GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FUNDS TO ZOOS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of zoos in the country, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the amount sanctioned by the Government for their maintenance during the last three years;

(c) the expenditure incurred and the fund unutilised during the above period;

(d) whether the funds sanctioned by the Government have been fully utilised; and

(e) if not, the reasons for non-utilisation thereof, State- wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) There are 199 recognised Zoos all over the country. State-wise details are given at Annexure I.

(b) Central Government provides grants-in-aid to Central Zoo Authority which in turn gives financial assistance to various zoos in the country. Central Zoo authority does not provide any financial assistance for maintenance of zoos. Financial assistance is provided for developmental works like animal housing and health care etc. During the last three years (i.e. 1997-98, 1998-99 & 1999-2000). Central Zoo Authority has provided Rs.1788.21 lakhs to various zoos in the country.

(c) The year-wise position of the funds released by Central Zoo Authority to Zoos and utilisation thereof by the zoos is given as under:

Rs. in lakhs

Year	No. of Zoos	Sanction Amount	Amount utilise	Amount remains unutilized
1997-98	23	321.49	242.18	79.31
1998-99	20	393.14	168.75	224.39
+1999-2000	21	1073.58		1073.58
TOTAL		1788.21	410.93	1377.28

+ Utilisation Certificates awaited.

(d)&(e) Position of non-utilisation of funds provided by Central Zoo Authority during the last 3 years is as follows:-

1997-98

I. Funds remains unutilized due to non providing of matching share by following State Governments.

(a) Punjab Government Rs. 41.75 lakhs for developmental work in Ludhiana and Chhatbir zoos.

(b) Assam Government Rs.19.56 lakhs for Assam State Zoo, Guwahati.

II. Amount remains unutilized due to late finalization/revision of the designs of the enclosure.

(a) Ahmedabad Zoo - Rs. 12.00 lakhs

(b) Mysore Zoo - Rs. 6.00 lakhs

1998-99

The work is in progress in all the zoos from where the utilisation certificates have not been received. It is expected that utilisation certificates in respect of full amount will be received shortly.

1999-2000

The work for which grant is sanctioned has to be completed within 18 months. Therefore, utilisation certificates are expected to be received by the Central Zoo Authority from different zoos in due course.